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BASHAM ANNOUNCES ECORSE COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT

(LANSING) State Senator Ray Basham (D-Taylor) announced today that the City of Ecorse will be awarded a \$15,000 community forestry grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Senator Basham had assisted the City of Ecorse in its grant application.

“This grant award is exciting news for the Ecorse community because it will help provide the city with the resources to develop its first community forestry management program,” said Senator Basham. “This program will lead to cooperative efforts with neighboring cities and create a regional program in the Ecorse Creek Watershed.”

The DNR Urban and Community Forestry program provides assistance for urban and community forestry projects. The Community Forestry Grant program was established with funding from the USDA Forest Service, to assist Michigan communities, schools and non-profit organizations with urban, forestry related projects.

The Ecorse program will seek to maintain a tree inventory and then develop a tree planting plan which would target the Ecorse Creek and Detroit River Greenways. The city also hopes to use the funding to create new parkland and to form a volunteer led community tree board to handle disease and invasive species problems.

“This grant will play an important role in helping Ecorse to recover from a devastating Emerald Ash Borer infestation and in improving the quality of its green spaces,” said Senator Basham.

Under the DNR grant program, 72 applications were received, and 21 projects totaling \$100,000 were approved.

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